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REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated claims 1-3 and 9-12 are allowed. The Examiner also rejected claims 17-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, however indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections. The Examiner also objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) as failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims.

In particular, the Examiner indicated that the side coach panels and rear coach panel of claim must be shown. The Applicant notes that the side coach panels are illustrated in Figure 3, however hereby amends the drawings and specification to more clearly identify this aspect of the invention with the reference designator 186. Likewise, the rear coach panel is shown in Figure 3, however the figure and the corresponding detailed description is amended by this paper to include the specific reference designator 184 to more clearly designate this aspect of the invention.

Similarly, the Examiner indicated that the third and fourth adjoining trim panels and roof coach and structural panel of claims 17 and 19 must be shown. The Applicant hereby amends the drawings and corresponding detailed description to more clearly designate the third interior trim panel as reference designator 188 of Figures 1-3 and the fourth interior trim panel as element 190, also of Figures 1-3. The Applicant notes that the third and fourth adjoining trim panels extend generally horizontally. Thus, Figure 3 provides essentially an end view of these structures. The coach roof 140 is illustrated in Figure 3, however the Applicant further amends paragraph [0030] of the subject application to more clearly indicate that the coach roof 140 also defines a structural panel.

The Applicant notes that these aspects of the invention were illustrated in the drawings as filed and that the clarification of designating these aspects with reference designators and more specific descriptions does not constitute the entrance of new matter to the application. Further, the Applicant believes that the application as currently amended now does clearly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the third 188 and fourth 190 adjoining trim panels and that the application does comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

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SUMMARY

From the foregoing, the Applicant believes that the application as amended is now in a condition ready for allowance and respectfully requests the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability. However, should there remain any further impediments to the allowance of this application that might be resolved by telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the indicated telephone number.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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